



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM
41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260
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I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In order to meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon decision by a majority of the Board of Directors to add the item because of a need for immediate action.

Motion:	To approve the agenda as presented.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

III. PUBLIC COMMENT -Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by emailing mreyes@rapfoundation.org or calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to 9:00 AM. Persons wishing to speak on general comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.

Presentation of Desert Fast Pitch Participants for Recap of experience.

Amairani Ramos with HARC

Lauren Bruggemans with The Greater Palm Springs Tourism Foundation

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: **Action Required**

A. Approval of September 24, 2025 Board Meeting Draft Minutes - Receive and file ([Attach.#1](#))

B. CEO Report - Receive and File ([Attach.#2](#))

C. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File ([Attach.#3](#))

D. Grant Report - Receive and File. ([Attach.#4](#))

E. Facilities Report – Report and File ([Attach.#5](#))

F. Financial Report for month ending September 30, 2025 – Receive and File ([Attach. #6](#))

Motion:	<i>To receive and file the September 24, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facilities and Financial Report.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – **Action May Be Required**

A. Annual Form 990 FY 2024-2025 – Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing completed the annual Form 990 for FY 2024-2025. ([Attach. #7](#)).

Audit Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on Oct. 21. A verbal recommendation will be provided.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

B. Board Chair Jan Pye to discuss Board Development Topic (s) – Succession Planning was a recent NPO Centric Workshop attended by Chair Pye and she would like to revisit this topic for future action.

C. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- to provide update on County matters of interest.

D. NPO Centric – Monthly Report and activity highlights- Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director. ([Attach. #8](#)).

Motion:	<i>Approve and file the monthly report.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

E. Desert Fast Pitch 2025 Presentation by Stephanie Minor, Director of Development

Motion:	<i>For the Board to authorize CEO to proceed with planning a 2026 Desert Fast Pitch. Commit \$70,000 towards cash grants. Date, location, to be determined.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

F. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2025-2026: (Attach. #9A, #9B)**G. GRANT REQUESTS: SMALL GRANTS - Action Required****1. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #1****2. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A LESSER AMOUNT THAN REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #2, #3, AND #4.**

SMALL Grant #1	Mizell Center
Program:	Mizell Center Programs, Classes and Activities
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Mizell Center is seeking funding to expand Mizell's programming to better address the needs of a senior community that is living longer and now comprised of a wider range of older adults. This grant will strengthen capacity for growth and innovation, ensuring seniors have access to a broader range of free and low-cost activities and access to the information, tools and technologies that can enhance independence and quality of life. Specifically, they are seeking to augment our schedule with the inclusion of more immersive programming focused on acquiring and sustaining healthy habits that support vitality and longevity.	
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 94, 80, 74
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Historical COVID-19: \$7,500
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request of \$10,000 as requested. Yes: 6 No: 0

Motion:	To approve the request of \$10,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #2	Jewish Family Service of the Desert
Program:	Fostering Connections for Coachella Valley Older Adults
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
The "Fostering Connections for Older Adults" initiative features Let's Do Lunch! (LDL), Cafe Europa, Cafe Europa 2.0, Friendly Visitor, Call Tree, and JFS Express programs. Offering free services designed to reduce social isolation and increase access to healthcare for residents aged 55 and older. Through engaging activities, community connections, and access to essential support services, the initiative helps participants strengthen cognitive and physical health, enhance quality of life, and maintain independence while aging with dignity.	
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 82, 72
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Mental Health Grant: \$60,000, FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000, FY23-24 Small Grant \$10,000, FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch \$12,000 FY22-23 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000 FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$5,000 of the requested \$10,000. Due to limited funding and to encourage the applicant to explore alternative funding sources. Yes: 4 No: V. Tanner and C. Borba

MOTION	To approve \$5,000 of the requested \$10,000. Due to limited funding and to encourage the applicant to explore alternative funding sources.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	

SMALL GRANT #3	Old Town Artisan Studios
Program:	<i>Community Outreach Art Program - Youth Focused</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Old Town Artisan Studios (OTAS) is expanding its Community Arts Programs to provide more youth across the Coachella Valley—especially those from underserved communities—with access to enriching, hands-on art experiences during seasonal breaks and after-school programs. With awarded funding, we are increasing class capacity, instructors and offering more youth scholarships to ensure that cost is never a barrier to participation.	
Reviewer’s Scores:	76% Three reviewers scoring: 66, 76, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$2,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve a lesser amount than requested. The approved amount is up to \$5,000 exclusively for transportation, art supplies and equipment. Yes: 6 No: 0

Motion:	To approve the request for up to \$5,000 exclusively for transportation, art supplies and equipment.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #4	Camp Laurel Foundation
Program:	<i>Youth Mental Health Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
We are seeking support to ensure that youth from Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley have access to The Laurel Foundation’s transformative year-round mental health programs. These include day camps, week-long residential camps, and intensive leadership retreats that are designed specifically to meet the unique needs of transgender/gender-diverse youth and youth from marginalized communities, especially those living in poverty, impacted by HIV/AIDS, in foster care, or facing housing insecurity.	
Representative:	Margot Anderson
Reviewer’s Scores:	75% Three reviewers scoring: 92,76,56
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY23-24 \$7,500, Small Grant: FY22-23 \$7,500, Small Grant: FY21-22 \$5,000,
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: *To approve a lesser amount than requested. Approve \$3,000 for scholarships and some incidentals related to their expense incurring, and due to the low number of clients served in the 4th District.*
Separate Votes #A Yes: 4 No: 2 V. Tanner and C. Borba
#B Yes: 4 No: 2 M. Meyer and C. Borba

Motion:	A) <i>To approve the request for \$3,000 due to the low number of clients served in the 4th District, which has not increased since last year.</i> B) <i>To grant an annual \$349 NPOC membership.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

H. Sponsorship Grants - **Action Required**

Sponsorship #1	About Families
Program:	18th Annual Fall Family Festival
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The goal of our Fall Family Festival is to create a positive environment for children and families. We share important community information and resources. Ultimately, creating stronger, resilient community and family connections. There is a disconnect in the Coachella Valley between all the resources available to families and the disproportionate access to information for communities of color and lower socioeconomic status. Our community needs connection and sharing of resources. By bringing together many organizations and businesses in a collaborative effort to support families the Fall Family Festival is creating those connections	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$5,000 FY22-23 Mental Health: \$30,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

Grants Committee Recommendation: *To approve the request of \$5,000 Yes: 6 No: 0*

Motion:	To approve the request of \$5,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

VI. Information Item

A. Board Attendance for 2025 ([Attach. #10](#))

B. Grants Committee: Met on Oct. 14. Approved Sept. 15 Minutes ([Attach. #11](#)). Next meeting TBD.

C. Executive Committee: Met on Oct. 14. Next meeting TBD.

D. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on Oct. 14. Sept. 15 Minutes ([Attach. #12](#)). Next meeting TBD.

E. NPO Centric Committee: To meet Oct. 20.

F. Audit Committee – Met on Oct. 21. Approved Sept. 16 Minutes ([Attach. 13](#)). Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Introduce Marie Rosales, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Program Manager.

Board Retreat November 20 from 8 AM – 1 PM at Desert Willow in Palm Desert.

Board Self- Assessment Survey

VIII. Closed Session:

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NPO Centric Director

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting November 20, 2025 at 8 AM.

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